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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Docket No.  
S 5549

### To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Philippe ROUAULT  
corresponding to European application No. 00403450.0, filed  
8 December 2000,  
entitled: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SOLVING A PROBLEM ARISING DURING  
A WELDING OPERATION OR THE LIKE

Enclosed are:

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| X | 28 pages of specification.   |
| X | Two sheets of formal drawings.   |
|   | a newly-executed declaration of the inventor.  |
|   | a copy of an executed declaration of the inventor from prior application Serial No. , filed .  |
|   | incorporation by reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied as indicated in the preceding box, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. |
|   | an assignment of the invention to , including assignment cover sheet.  |
|   | Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449.   |
|   | copies of the Information Disclosure Statement citations.  |
| X | preliminary amendment.   |
| X | return receipt postcard (MPEP 503), specifically itemized.   |
|   | applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.  |
| X | a certified copy of the Priority Document.   |
| X | other: Abstract of the Disclosure, Application Data Sheet .  |

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			<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 824
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A check in the amount of \$824 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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